

Abstract of the Disclosure

A method and apparatus of reducing the time for enabling a dynamic random access memory (DRAM) upon initial application of power, comprises generating an internal RAS signal upon initial power up to generate internal voltages. The internal

5 RAS pulse is asserted after a short time delay ends. After the internal RAS pulse is asserted, voltages on a digit line pair are amplified with a sense amplifier. Then, the amplified voltages on the digit line pair are equilibrated with an equilibration circuit. The equilibrated voltage is also coupled through the equilibration circuit to charge a common plate of a memory cell capacitor.

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